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SUBJECT: SWEDISH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 296323 #

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM SWEDISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL EXCHANGE CONCERNING VISA PROCEDURES IN LATE NOVEMBER.

2. ORGANIZATION, CALLED CENTRALNAMNDEN HERE, IS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND FUNCTIONS AS THE OFFICIAL SWEDISH ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHSCHOOL STUDENT EXCHANGES. THE BOARD IS APPOINTED BY THE GOS; AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IT IS FINANCED BY TRAVEL FEES AND COOPERATES CLOSELY WITH THE NATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

3. PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO PROMOTE AND ARRANGE INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS BETWEEMN SWEDISH SCHOOLCHILDREN AND THEIR FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS. IN ADDITION TO SCHOOL AND INDIVIDUAL EXCHANGES, LANGUAGE COURSES ARE OFFERED IN MANY COUNTRIES AND PEN PALS ARRANGED. THE NATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS ADVISED ALL SCHOOLS THAT THEY SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S PROGRAMS WHEN INFORMING STUDENTS ABOUT EXCHANGES, THE COMMITTEE'S MAIN CONTACT IN U.S. IS THE ICX PROGRAM; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE TURNED ALSO TO PETER WAHREN IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES TO THE WEST COAST AS WELL.

4. THE COMMITTEE NOW HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON OBTAINING UNCLASSIFIED

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VISAS FOR THE STUDENTS GOING TO THE WESTERN STATES FOR

11-MONTH PERIODS. HOPING THAT THEY WILL BE TREATED
SIMILARLY TO THOSE TRAVELLING UNDER ICX, AFS OR YOUTH
FOR UNDERSTANDING PROGRAMS.

5. IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY THE DEPARTMENT
ON WHICH TO BASE ITS DECISION, PLEASE ADVISE US.
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